

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-15 are all the claims pending in the application after entry of the aforementioned amendments.

35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hara et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,201,365 [hereafter "Hara"]) in view of Iverson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,002,183 [hereafter "Iverson"]).

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview of March 22, 2006, where it was submitted that the applied art does not disclose, *inter alia*, the features of dependent claim 2. As noted in the last line of page 3, in the Interview Summary, the Examiner agreed and asserted that Hara discloses two flow paths in and out, but does not disclose the features of claim 2 including the heat-sink side fins and the drive-unit-casing side fins that cooperatively generate a common refrigerant flow pattern. Iverson also fails to teach or suggest this feature. Therefore, Applicant amends claim 1 to incorporate the features of claim 2 and overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

On page 3 of the Interview Summary, the Examiner also suggests amending claim 1 to recite that "the thermally insulating element spaces apart only the mating surfaces of the heat sink and the drive unit casing." The Examiner's proposal was not entirely clear so the Examiner was contacted for clarification. The Examiner explained that the rejection would also be overcome if claim 1 was amended to recite that the thermally insulating intermediate member is disposed *only* between the mating surfaces of the heat sink and the drive unit casing. This is

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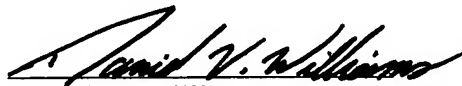
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because the isolating means 12 of Hara extends between most of the heat sink and drive unit case and is not disposed only between the mating surfaces. Because claim 1 is presently amended to include the presumably allowable subject matter of claim 2, Applicant hereby adds new claim 15 to include the language suggested by the Examiner. Claim 15 should raise *neither* a new issue nor require a further search due to its features already being considered and determined to be patentable over the art.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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